

Crumbled Hwy. 50 will take months to repair



Part of Highway 50 near Bridal Veil Falls has fallen down the hillside. Photo/Caltrans

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A section of Highway 50 crumbled farther down the hillside early Tuesday near Bridal Veil Falls, offering the latest dramatic reminder of how vulnerable Sierra highways have become in this winter's deluge of rain and snow.

Though the damaged road did not result in injuries, it prompted the closure of both westbound lanes and will reduce traffic to one lane in each direction for months to come. Crews will work on stabilizing the slope and fixing the highway, according to Caltrans.

"It's going to be a long-term closure," said Caltrans spokesman Steve Nelson. "The contractor is still figuring out how to fix the road; but whatever they come up with, it's

going to take at least a few months.”

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